

Adolescent Health Care in the HUSKY Program

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Hhealthcare for UninSured Kids and Youth (HUSKY)



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Eligibility for HUSKY A (Medicaid)

- Children, parents, pregnant women
- Connecticut residents
- US citizens or legal residents
- Family income:
 - Children, parents: <185% FPL
 - Pregnant women: <250% FPL
- 397,000 enrolled, including 260,000 children under 19



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Eligibility for HUSKY B (CHIP)

- Uninsured children under 19
- Connecticut residents
- US citizens or legal residents
- Family income:
 - 185-300% FPL (subsidized)
 - Over 300% FPL (full premium)
- 15,000 children enrolled



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HUSKY Benefits for Adolescents

- ***Preventive care***
 - Annual routine check-ups, immunizations as needed
 - Vision care and hearing exams
 - Family planning services
 - Prenatal care
- ***Care for acute and chronic conditions***
- ***Dental care***
- ***Mental health care***
- ***Emergency care, hospitalization***
- ***Prescription drugs***
- ***Diagnostic x-rays and laboratory services***
- ***Transportation (HUSKY A)***

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Monitoring the HUSKY Program

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***Independent Performance Monitoring
in the HUSKY Program***

- ***Hartford HealthTrack*** (1993-95)—public-private partnership between Department of Social Services and the Hartford Foundation
- ***Children's Health Council*** (1995-2003)—state-funded project, sponsored by the Hartford Foundation
- ***Connecticut Voices for Children*** (2004-present) state-funded contract between the Department of Social Services and Hartford Foundation, with a grant to Connecticut Voices for Children

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***Data Used for
Program Performance Monitoring***

Eligibility/Enrollment

Medicaid ID number
Medicaid coverage group
Client information
Household information
Managed care enrollment

Claims /Encounters

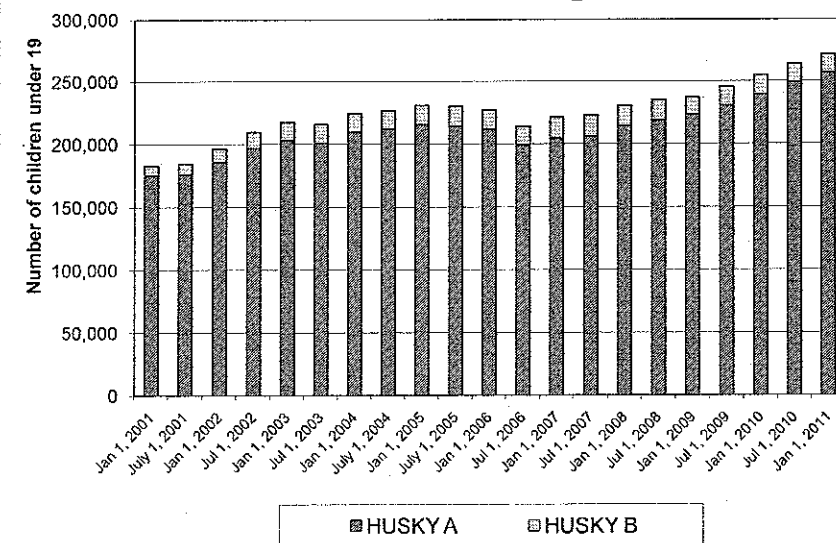
Medicaid ID number
Dates of service
Diagnosis codes
Procedure codes
Provider information
Paid amount

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Enrollment

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**Child Enrollment Trends in
Connecticut's HUSKY Program: 2001-2011**



<i>Enrollment June 1, 2011</i>		<i>Number enrolled</i>
HUSKY A	Children	260,367
HUSKY A	Adults 19 and over	136,593
HUSKY B	Children	15,271
HUSKY A & B Total		412,231

Adolescent Enrollment, 2009

- 126,899 children 10-19 were ever enrolled
- 82,812 (65%) were enrolled for the entire year
- Average period of enrollment: 10 months
- Enrollment varied by age: older adolescents were less likely to be continuously enrolled, with shorter average period of enrollment

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Adolescent Enrollment, 2009

- ***Race/ethnicity***
 - 35% Hispanic
 - 37% White non-Hispanic
 - 24% African American non-Hispanic
 - 3% other racial or ethnic groups
- ***Residence***
 - 9% Bridgeport
 - 11% Hartford
 - 8% New Haven
 - 73% All other cities and towns

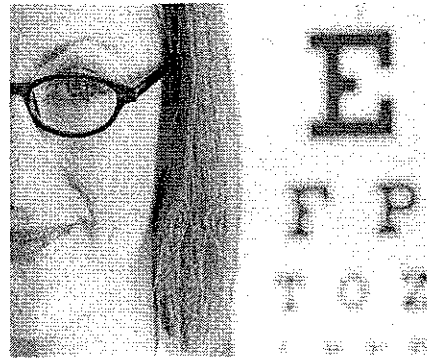
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Adolescent Health Services

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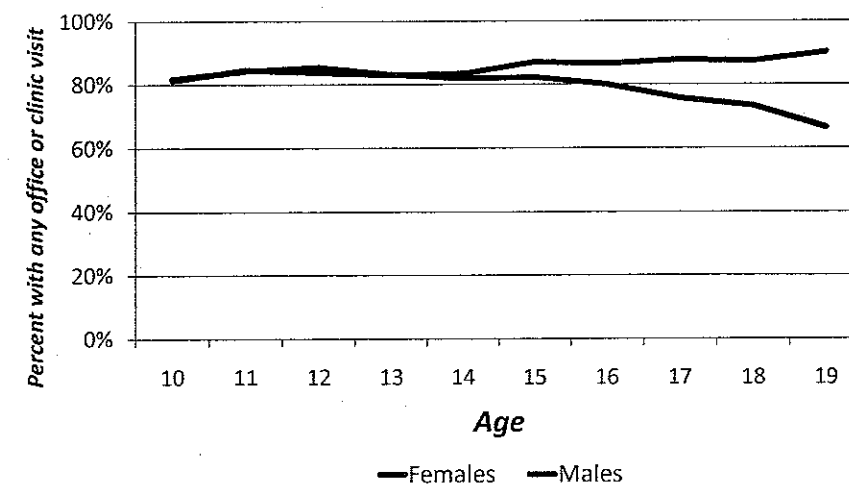
Preventive Care, 2008

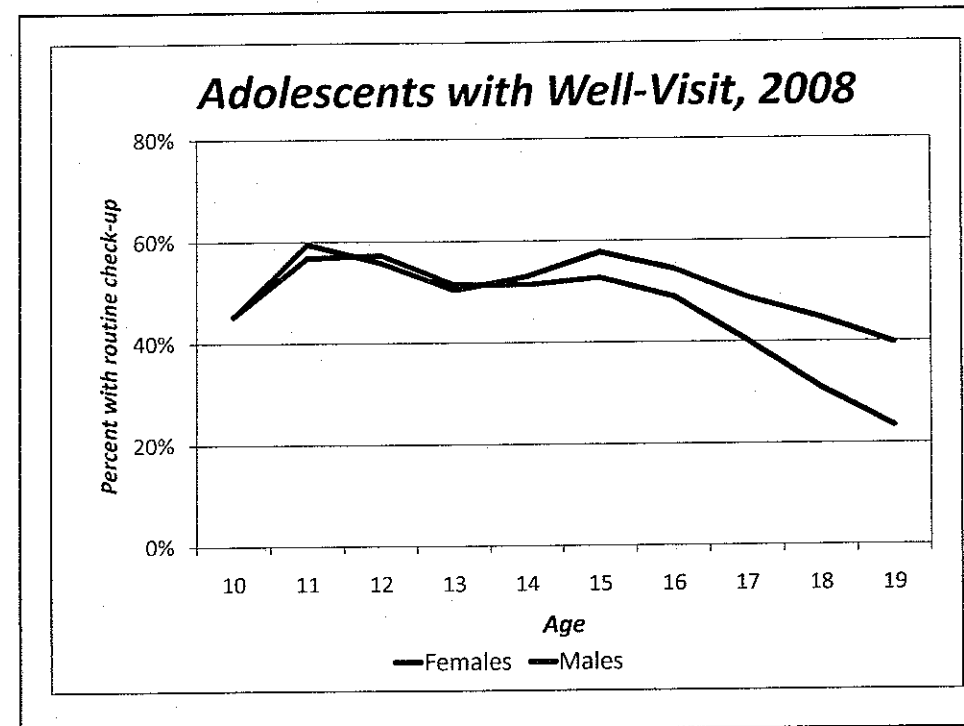
- 83% had any office or clinic visit
- 50% had routine check-up
- Use of care varied by age and gender



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Adolescents with Any Office or Clinic Visit, 2008





Dental Care, 2008

- 44% had preventive dental care
- As with medical care, utilization declined with age and more for adolescent males than females



Emergency Care, 2008

- One in three had emergency care
- One in four with any emergency care was treated for a condition that could have been prevented or treated in office or clinic visit
 - 50% severe ENT infections
 - 17% asthma
 - 8% urinary tract infection



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Adolescents with Emergency Care, 2008



Births to Teens, 2008

- 2,405 babies were born to mothers 19 and under who had HUSKY Program or Medicaid coverage at the time of the birth
- Some were enrolled prior to pregnancy and some qualified for coverage when they became pregnant

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Conclusions

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Coverage and Care for Adolescents

- HUSKY Program is the largest child health insurer in Connecticut
- HUSKY Program addresses the full range of health care needs for at-risk children and adolescents, but not all get care
- In adolescence, health care utilization varies by age and gender

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Opportunities

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Ways to Improve Adolescent Care in the HUSKY Program

- Use contracting to drive health care quality improvements for adolescents
- Develop and implement medical homes with attention to ways in which providers can contribute to improved care for adolescents
- Use program data and other methods to learn more about adolescent health and health care, including where teens get care, types of care, barriers to care, and effectiveness of targeted interventions to improve care

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HUSKY Family Annual Income Guidelines					
Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4	Family of 5	Family of 6	HUSKY Plan features
under \$27,214	under \$34,281	under \$41,348	under \$48,415	under \$55,482	HUSKY A: Free health care coverage for children under 19th birthday; and for parents or a relative caregiver who live with a child under 19. Note: Parent/relative caregiver will lose HUSKY eligibility when youngest child turns 18 if the child is not going to graduate from high school by 19 th birthday (federal rule). Parents/relative caregivers may be eligible for Medicaid for Low-Income Adults or Charter Oak Health Plan.
under \$36,775	under \$46,325	under \$55,875	under \$65,425	under \$74,975	HUSKY A: Free health care coverage for pregnant women. Note: for eligibility of pregnant women, unborn child is also counted as a family member.
from \$27,214 to \$34,569	from \$34,281 to \$43,546	from \$41,348 to \$52,523	from \$48,415 to \$61,500	from \$55,482 to \$70,477	HUSKY B: Health care coverage for children under 19th birthday. No monthly premiums; some co-payments. * Eligible for HUSKY Plus Physical**
from \$34,570 to \$44,130	from \$43,547 to \$55,590	from \$52,524 to \$67,050	from \$61,501 to \$78,510	from \$70,478 to \$89,970	HUSKY B: Health care coverage for children under 19th birthday. Monthly premium of \$30 for first child; maximum monthly premium of \$50, regardless of number of children; some co-payments.* Eligible for HUSKY Plus Physical**
over \$44,130	over \$55,590	over \$67,050	over \$78,510	over \$89,970	HUSKY B: Health care coverage for children under 19th birthday. Unsubsidized group premium rate of \$195 monthly per child; some co-payments*

Applying for HUSKY

- Ⓢ Please call 1-877-CT-HUSKY (1-877-284-8759) for information and to apply, or visit www.huskyhealth.com.
 - Ⓢ All Connecticut children are potentially eligible, regardless of income.
 - Ⓢ Child care expenses may be deducted from income in determining family cost.
 - Ⓢ HUSKY B coverage may not be available if a child has been covered by health insurance through a parent's employer during the past two months; exceptions to this waiting period include loss of employment and financial hardship.
 - Ⓢ Benefits package includes: Preventive care, physician visits, prescription medicines, emergency care, inpatient hospital services, outpatient surgical facility services, mental health and substance abuse services, dental services and more.
- *HUSKY B co-payments - \$10 non-preventive office visits; \$15 routine eye exams and hearing screens; \$10 brand-name prescription; \$5 generic prescription, some dental services have co-payments and co-insurance.
- **HUSKY Plus Physical - supplemental coverage for special physical health needs is available to children who meet the HUSKY Plus criteria.

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